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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 21, 2005, for the above-identified patent application, Applicants submit a Petition for Extension of Time with authorization to charge the requisite fee to Deposit Account 50-0510, and the following:

Amendments to the claims as reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2; and

Remarks/Arguments which being on page 11.